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The House met at 10 a.m.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Your hand of mercy, O God, is strong enough to give us hope in the depths of our hearts; Your voice of comfort, O God, is sure enough to give us Your peace and assurance; Your mind, O God, is wise and perceptive and counsels us in the ways of life and Your mighty acts of compassion and grace, O God, give us confidence and promise in our daily lives. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

The VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 344, nays 61, answered “present” 1, not voting 28, as follows:

[Roll No. 158]

YEAS—344

Allard  
Andrews  
Archer  
Armey  
Bachus  
Baesler  
Baker (LA)  
Baldacci  
Ballenger  
Barcia  
Barr  
Barrett (NE)  
Bartlett  
Barton  
Bass  
Bateman  
Beilenson  
Bentsen  
Bereuter  
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Bevill  
Bilbray  
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Bonilla  
Bono  
Borski  
Boucher  
Brewster  
Browder  
Brown (FL)  
Brown (OH)  
Brownback  
Bryant (TN)  
Bryant (TX)  
Bunn  
Bunning  
Burr  
Burton  
Buyer  
Callahan  
Calvert  
Camp  
Canady  
Cardin  
Castle  
Chabot  
Chambliss  
Christensen  
Chrysler  
Clayton  
Clement  
Clinger  
Coble  
Coburn  
Collins (GA)  
Collins (IL)  
Combest  
Condit  
Conyers

Cooley  
Costello  
Cox  
Cramer  
Crapo  
Cremeans  
Cubin  
Cunningham  
Danner  
Davis  
Deal  
DeFazio  
DeLay  
Dellums  
Diaz-Balart  
Dickey  
Dicks  
Dingell  
Dixon  
Doggett  
Dooley  
Doolittle  
Dornan  
Doyle  
Dreier  
Duncan  
Dunn  
Durbin  
Edwards  
Ehrlich  
Emerson  
Engel  
English  
Ensign  
Eshoo  
Everett  
Ewing  
Farr  
Fawell  
Fields (LA)  
Fields (TX)  
Flake  
Flanagan  
Foley  
Forbes  
Ford  
Fowler  
Fox  
Franks (CT)  
Franks (NJ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Frisa  
Funderburk  
Gallegly  
Ganske  
Gejdenson  
Gekas  
Geren  
Gilchrest  
Gillmor  
Gilman

Goodlatte  
Goodling  
Gordon  
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Hall (OH)  
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Jackson-Lee  
Johnson (CT)  
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Johnson, E.B.  
Johnson, Sam  
Johnston  
Jones  
Kaptur  
Kasich  
Kelly  
Kennedy (MA)  
Kennedy (RI)  
Kennelly  
Kildee  
Kim  
King  
Kingston  
Klecza  
Klink  
Knollenberg  
Kolbe  
LaHood  
Latham  
LaTourette

Laughlin  
Lazio  
Leach  
Levin  
Lewis (CA)  
Lewis (KY)  
Lightfoot  
Lincoln  
Linder  
Lipinski  
LoBiondo  
Lofgren  
Longley  
Lucas  
Luther  
Maloney  
Manzullo  
Markey  
Martinez  
Martini  
Mascara  
Matsui  
McCarthy  
McCollum  
McCrery  
McDade  
McDermott  
McHale  
McHugh  
McInnis  
McIntosh  
McKeon  
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Metcalf  
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Mica  
Miller (CA)  
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Moakley  
Molinari  
Mollohan  
Montgomery  
Moorhead  
Moran  
Myers  
Myrick  
Nadler  
Nethercutt  
Neumann  
Ney  
Norwood  
Nussle

Obey  
Oliver  
Orton  
Oxley  
Packard  
Parker  
Paxon  
Payne (VA)  
Peterson (FL)  
Peterson (MN)  
Petri  
Porter  
Portman  
Poshard  
Pryce  
Quillen  
Quinn  
Radanovich  
Rahall  
Ramstad  
Rangel  
Reed  
Regula  
Reynolds  
Rivers  
Roberts  
Roemer  
Rogers  
Rohrabacher  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Rose  
Roth  
Roukema  
Roybal-Allard  
Royce  
Rush  
Salmon  
Sanders  
Sanford  
Sawyer  
Saxton  
Scarborough  
Schaefer  
Schiff  
Schumer  
Scott  
Sensenbrenner  
Serrano  
Shadegg  
Shaw  
Shays  
Shuster  
Sisisky  
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Skelton  
Slaughter  
Smith (MI)  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (TX)  
Smith (WA)  
Solomon  
Souder  
Spence  
Spratt  
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Stokes  
Studds  
Stump  
Stupak  
Talent  
Tanner  
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Tauzin  
Taylor (NC)  
Tejeda  
Thomas  
Thornberry  
Thornton  
Thurman  
Tiahrt  
Torkildsen  
Torres  
Torricelli  
Towns  
Traffant  
Upton  
Vucanovich  
Waldholtz  
Walker  
Walsh  
Wamp  
Ward  
Waters  
Watts (OK)  
Waxman  
Weldon (FL)  
Weller  
White  
Whitfield  
Wicker  
Williams  
Wilson  
Woolsey  
Wynn  
Young (FL)  
Zeliff

NAYS—61

Ackerman  
Barrett (WI)  
Becerra  
Bishop  
Bonior  
Brown (CA)  
Chenoweth  
Clay

Clyburn  
Coleman  
Coyne  
Crane  
DeLauro  
Deutsch  
Evans  
Fazio

Filner  
Foglietta  
Frank (MA)  
Furse  
Gephardt  
Gibbons  
Hastings (FL)  
Hefley

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| LaFalce    | Pastor     | Visclosky   |
| Lantos     | Payne (NJ) | Volkmer     |
| Lewis (GA) | Pelosi     | Watt (NC)   |
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| McKinney   | Pomeroy    | Yates       |
| Menendez   | Richardson |             |
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## ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Stockman

## NOT VOTING—28

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| Abercrombie  | Gonzalez   | Seastrand   |
| Baker (CA)   | Klug       | Thompson    |
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| Chapman      | McNulty    | Weldon (PA) |
| Collins (MI) | Meek       | Wise        |
| de la Garza  | Mfume      | Young (AK)  |
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| Fattah       | Murtha     |             |
| Frost        | Riggs      |             |

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Mr. ALLARD, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, and Ms. HARMAN changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EWING). Will the gentleman from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SANDERS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

## REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 607

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of the bill, H.R. 607.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 10 requests for 1-minutes per side. Further 1-minutes will take place after regular business today.

## REPUBLICAN CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

(Mr. SOLOMON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, our Contract With America states the following:

On the first day of Congress, a Republican House will require Congress to

live under the same laws as everyone else; cut committee staffs by one-third; and cut the congressional budget.

We kept our promise.

It continues that in the first 100 days, we will vote on the following items: A balanced budget amendment—we kept our promise; unfunded mandates legislation—we kept our promise; line-item veto—we kept our promise; a new crime package to stop violent criminals—we kept our promise; national security restoration to protect our freedoms—we kept our promise; Government regulatory reform—we are doing this now; welfare reform to encourage work, not dependence; family reinforcement to crack down on deadbeat dads and protect our children; tax cuts for middle-income families; Senior Citizens' Equity Act to allow our seniors to work without government penalty; commonsense legal reform to end frivolous lawsuits; and congressional term limits to make Congress a citizen legislature.

This is our Contract With America.

## THE SPEAKER'S COLLEGE CLASS, SUBSIDIZED BY AMERICAN TAXPAYERS, SAID TO BE EXTREMELY PARTISAN

(Mr. BONIOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, just how nonpartisan is NEWT GINGRICH's college class?

The Speaker claims it is nonpartisan. He sold it to the Ethics Committee as a nonpartisan class.

The sole reason that donors get tax exemptions is because it is supposedly nonpartisan.

Yet, in the past 2 days, we have received new evidence that this class was as partisan as partisan gets.

The dean of the college who once helped teach the class now says that political and academic resources were commingled.

A Ph.D. student who helped set up the class said on Sunday: "the class was intended to be partisan and very political."

Mr. Speaker, this class, which promotes an intensely partisan, political agenda of the Speaker, is being subsidized by the American taxpayers.

And its fund were commingled with the Speaker's own political action committee, GOPAC.

It is time for the Speaker to come clean with the American people.

It is time for him to release the list of past GOPAC donors.

And it is time that we appoint a professional, nonpartisan, outside counsel to investigate this whole mess.

## PRESIDENT CLINTON USING SCARE TACTICS

(Mr. TIAHRT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I do not think the President really understands what happened last November. I think he is trapped in a 1960's time warp. He seems hopelessly married to big-government ideas of the past, and he is using scare tactics to save big-government's agenda.

Yesterday Mr. Clinton was accusing Republicans of wanting to kill the school lunch program. This is absolutely not true. Mr. Clinton's problem is that he thinks he knows more about the needs of students than the 50 State Governors. He thinks that the bureaucrats here in Washington can do a better job of setting standards than the local school districts. I say to my colleagues, "Let me tell you I trust Governor Bill Graves and the local school districts of Kansas a lot more than I do any Beltway bureaucracy."

Mr. Speaker, if the President wants to continue to engage in this type of blatant political propaganda and demean his office in the process, he is free to do so.

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. TIAHRT. But while he is busy resurrecting the sixties, we will be working hard for the people by getting America ready for the next century.

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, I demand that the gentleman's words be taken down.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The words will be taken down.

The Clerk will report the words.

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Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my demand that the words be taken down.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EWING). The gentleman from Missouri withdraws his demand that the words be taken down. The time of the gentleman from Kansas has expired.

## THE TRUTH ABOUT SCHOOL LUNCHES

(Mr. LINDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, it amazes me the length Democrats will go to try to save Federal bureaucrats their jobs. Yesterday, the Democrat leadership and President Clinton launched a mean-spirited attack on Republican attempts to provide school lunches through block grants. But once again, just like a broken record, they did not tell the whole story.

The Republican approach will actually increase spending for school lunches by decreasing administrative costs, which translates into cutting the Federal bureaucrats. But Democrats shy away from anything new because they just cannot seem to get over their love affair with a bigger bureaucracy and a failed welfare system. However, sinking to scaring needy children—